

BRITISH POSTOFFICE.

Some Very Interesting Things Found in the Blue Book Just Issued by the Postmaster-General.

The British postal system is a great piece of mechanism that works like clockwork. With all its faults it carries on its work in a satisfactory manner, and the service is improved as each well-founded growl of the public finds its way into the newspapers, or to the Postmaster-General at St. Martin's Le Grand.

The annual report is a readable compendium of the blue book variety, but entertaining to an extent that is not characteristic of other Government publications. It is a pamphlet of 88 pages, less than a quarter of the number to be found in a Canadian report, but then it does not give so much detail as does the Ottawa issue.

The British postoffice carried in 1901 3,919,000,000 postal packets, including letters, post cards, books, circulars, newspapers and parcels. The letters have increased six per cent., or at a higher rate than for many years, excluding the two years after the Jubilee reduction of postage. The increase in postal cards was due to pictorial cards, and of the whole number of postal cards sixty-five per cent. were private cards.

The express delivery service is phenomenal. In London alone 963,038 articles were delivered by express messengers, and the special messenger service has increased eighteen per cent. 2,500 messengers were called by 'phone to houses of subscribers in London to perform express service, while in 2,150 cases a letter was dictated by 'phone to be sent by special messenger. The express delivery is akin to our special delivery stamp system.

The number of undelivered postal packets, which includes 10,183,866 letters, were 24,421,976. Nine million letters were re-directed and returned to the senders. About 600,000 letters from abroad were returned as undelivered. Book packets to the number of 11,523,272 were undelivered, but many were returned, and now it is common to mark packets prepaid one half-penny for return to the senders if undelivered. The registered letters rose in number sixty per cent., due largely to the use of the post for trade in cheap jewellery.

In dead letters £18,231 in cash and bank notes and £650,298 in bills, cheques, money orders, postal orders and stamps were found. Three thousand seven hundred and eighty-two letters were posted without addresses, but with £179 in cash and £3,434 in cheques. There were found loose in the post 85,640 articles, including £1,000 in coin, and cheques to the value of £6,000. A half sovereign, which had evidently been used to seal a parcel was found to be still adhering to the wax on the arrival of the parcel in London.

The color of the penny stamp has been changed from purple to red, and the color of the sixpenny stamp from red to purple, and the twopenny half-penny stamp is now printed in blue on white paper, instead of in purple on blue paper.

The registered letter envelopes stamp, or medallion, is now in value threepence to cover the registration fee of twopenny and the penny postage, instead of the old medallion, which covered the registration only.

An estimate of the weight of letters and post cards and other articles exchanged by the United Kingdom with British Colonies show that to Canada and Newfoundland there were 81,000 letters and post cards; 1,000,000 circulars and newspapers were despatched, and that 90,000 letters and post cards, and 440,000 circulars and newspapers were sent to the United Kingdom. Australia had a very much larger quantity. A statement of the number of foreign and colonial parcels despatched and received during the years ending 31st March, 1901, and 31st March, 1902, shows that there were despatched to Canada 66,105 in 1900-01, and 75,221 in 1901-2, an increase of 9,116; while there were received in the United Kingdom from Canada in 1900-01 29,282, and in 1901-02 34,860, an increase of 5,578. The totals despatched and received show 95,387 in 1900 and 110,081 in 1901-2, an increase of 14,694. The increase in the total list shows Canada as above at 14,694, Cape Colony 87,676, New South Wales 188, New Zealand 5,012, South Australia 236, West Australia 69. The increase in Cape Colony was on account of the war, and will now fall below the Canadian figures.

To show how the postoffice watch mail connections, an abstract of contracts or agreements for the conveyance of mails is very interesting. For instance in the steam service between Holy Head and Kingston, twice a day with four steamers paid £100,000 or \$500,000 up to March, 1917, and £80,000 or \$400,000 after that date. A deduction is made for overtime of £1 14s. or \$8.30 per minute. If on any occasion a vessel is not ready the penalty is £100 and £10 per hour for every hour beyond the stipulated time before the vessel starts. The contract time is three hours and thirty-seven minutes for 60 miles.

The Canadian Pacific Railway receives £60,000 or \$240,000 a year for a five-year monthly service between Halifax or Quebec and China and Japan, via Vancouver. The contract commenced on April 7, 1901, and will terminate on April 6, 1906. The penalty for delay is £100 for every twelve hours. The amount received on this contract "by contributions" is "Canada £14,925 and the Admiralty £7,312," a total of £22,237. The amount received by

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Old Lady (to boy who has fetched her a glass of water—Thank you my boy. You were very quick about it. Boy—That's nothin', ma'am. I'm used to it. I had a job carrying water to the elephants in a circus.—Pick-Me-Up.

EMPTY OLD COAL SCUTTLE.

HOW sadly we gaze at the coal bin that's empty

And think of the blizzards that soon will be due! The poker is standing unused in a corner; The shovel is idle and rusted o'er too; The furnace is empty; there's soot on the damper;

No ruddy beams dance through the cracks in the door; The wild wind howls dismally up the dark chimney.

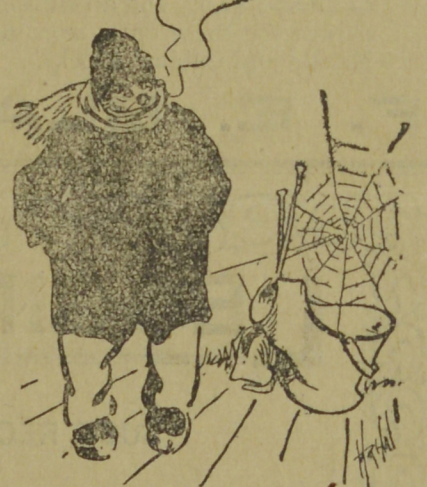
And the coal scuttle's lying unused on the floor— The rusty coal scuttle, the useless coal scuttle.

The empty coal scuttle that lies on the floor.

Oh, sadly we gaze on that vessel and wonder

How long it must lie there to rust and decay! We think of the days when we used to go grumbling

To fill it and carry its contents away.



How ardently now we would take up the shovel

And scoop in the lumps prized too lightly before.

But the bin, where we once braced the sides up, is empty.

And the coal scuttle's lying unused on the floor—

The rusty coal scuttle, the useless coal scuttle.

The empty coal scuttle that lies on the floor.

Let us grind the old hatchet and chop up the boxes:

The babies are yelling; their noses are blue!

Ah, dear are the dreams of the days when we gladly

Sat hearing the flames as they roared up the flue,

And sweet was the sound of the coal as it rattled

Down through the long shoot where it rattles no more;

The lumps are all gone, and the ashes are scattered,

And the coal scuttle's lying unused on the floor—

The rusty coal scuttle, the useless coal scuttle.

The empty coal scuttle that lies on the floor.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

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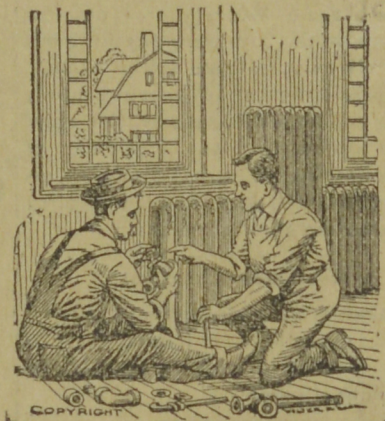
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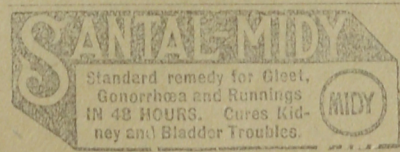
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No. 134 Express for Quebec and Montreal.....	18.00
No. 26 Express for Point du Chene, Halifax and Pictou.....	12.15
No. 8 Express for Sussex.....	17.10
No. 4 Mixed for Point du Chene.....	13.15
No. 10 Express for Halifax and Sydney.....	23.25

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN

No. 9 Express from Halifax and Sydney 6.20
No. 7 Express from Sussex..... 9.00
No. 133 Express from Montreal and Quebec..... 13.50
No. 25 Express from Halifax and Pictou 17.40
No. 1 Express from Halifax..... 18.40
No. 81 Express from Moncton, (Saturday only)..... 24.35
No. 3 Mixed from Point du Chene..... 16.50

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